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Examiner: **Nicholas W. Woodall**

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Please consider the following in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2009.

This response is being filed within the initial three-month period for response, to and including September 9, 2009, so no extensions of time are believed necessary. However, the Commissioner is requested to provide any extensions that may be required and is authorized to deduct any associated fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.